

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 17, 2012

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, January 17, 2012 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIABILITY INSURANCE

Ed Schroeder of Schroeder was present to answer any questions regarding county liability insurance deductibles. County Attorney Leigh Morning had previously reviewed the information with the commissioners, sheriff, highway superintendent and auditor. Ken Masters made the motion to approve the \$250 and \$500 deductible. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, asked if fresh stone could be place around the recyclable dumpster site. Jerry Sitton will address as soon as possible.

CLERK

Debbie Richardson, Clerk, asked the commissioners to approve the annual Micro Vote Election software license agreement. Ken Masters made the motion to approve the agreement. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. The agreement is in the amount of \$9,500.00

EMA

Chuck Kemker, EMA Director, reported:

- The CERT team will have Emergency Shelter training at the courthouse, Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 8:00 am. The class will be presented by the Red Cross and is open to anyone interested in being a shelter volunteer.
- The next CERT training will begin Saturday, February 11, 2012. They are looking for more volunteers
- All courthouse employees will receive Earthquake procedures with their January 20, 2012 paychecks. The procedures are to be placed with their books previously handed out.
- Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 12:15 am will be the Great Central US Shake-Out. Schools, Businesses and Individuals can still register at www.shakeout.org/centralus
- Plans are under way for a State Tornado drill involving districts 4,5 and 6 at Muscatatuck Training center April 25 to April 27

- A laptop for the Polycom system has now been received. This will enable the department to video from the mobile command back to the EOC as well as making it easier to participate in district video teleconferences.
- District 6 is looking at a new Asset Managing systems that will also include event ID's. This will allow the capability of tracking personnel and equipment and will read any current system – even a driver's license. Quotes are currently being gathered with the possibility of each county getting a part of the system.

MILROY CHAPTER ZETA TAU

Dana Fussner representing the Zeta Tau Psi Iota chapter of Milroy appeared before the commissioners asking for approval to close roads in Milroy for a short period. Fussner specified the roads on a map provided to the commissioners. The Milroy chapter has a 5K walk/run scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012. The walk/run is to begin at 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Marvin Cole made the motion to allow the closing of the county roads as specified and for a map to also be provided to the sheriff. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Mary Ann Beard, Treasurer, appeared before the commissioners to hold the annual Board of Finance Meeting. Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Beard reviewed the various submitted reports.

Marvin Cole made the motion at 9:18 a.m. to close the Board of Finance Meeting. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMS

The commissioners and representatives from Anderson Twp. Fire Dept.; Raleigh Fire Dept. and Carthage Vol. Fire Dept. discussed prepared EMS contracts.

Tom Barnes spoke for the commissioners. Barnes stated that the commissioners have looked at the protocols, looked at the money and their job as commissioners is to provide the best services for the tax payers of Rush County.

Barnes shared that the commissioners are totally supportive of the various EMS Units. They feel that creating a standard set of protocols for all departments was in the best interest of everyone. Barnes shared that Dr. Russell Daughtery was instrumental in writing the protocols. Dr. Daughtery is the Medical Director for Rush Memorial Hospital and Anderson Twp. Fire Department. Dr. Richard Boersma also assisted with writing the protocols. Dr. Boersma is the Medical Director for Raleigh Fire Department and Carthage Vol. Fire Department. Barnes stated in the end his understanding was that Dr. Daughtery and Dr. Boersma were both in agreement with the protocols that were presented to all departments.

Barnes wanted it to be understood that the commissioners have a responsibility to protect the county against all liability. The message they received from Ed Schroeder of Schroeder Insurance, was to adopt a standard set of protocols. Barnes wanted it understood that the commissioners had no part in writing any part of the protocols.

Barnes did state that the Commissioners have the support of the council and are ready to proceed with the signing of the contracts. Barnes read an e-mail from Dr. Richard Boersma dated January 17, 2012 indicating that he would like to see everyone go to the same protocols. Barnes noted that the commissioners have received feedback from Carthage Fire Dept. and that Anderson Twp. Fire Dept. was ready to sign.

Verlin Custer, Fire Chief of Raleigh Fire Dept. informed the commissioners that the department received their copy of the protocols on Friday, January 13, 2012. Custer who did have two department members Steve and Adam Schwering with him outlined some of the departments concerns with the protocols.

- Backboard concerns and patient refusal to use be place on them
- Pediatrics is not addressed
- Feel that their protocols are better and wants to stay with them
- If operating under RMH protocols the commissioners would be more subject to liability claims and a use of tax dollars. If operating under Raleigh protocols there would be less of a liability
- Custer – stated that it was a no brainer that Rush Memorial Hospital was the most liable as he felt RMH drafted the protocols
- Changes being amended without input by departments.

Tom Barnes informed Custer and his members that Carthage Fire Dept. had brought the last point to his attention and that it should be the state that makes the amendments to the protocols. Custer responded that the State allows Raleigh and Carthage to have their own protocols. Raleigh wants to continue their 2012 contract as the same.

Barnes informed Custer that he was going against Dr. Boersma's recommendations as read in his e-mail. Custer responded that Dr. Boersma said having the same protocols is a good "goal" not "necessary".

Jim Anderson of Carthage Fire Dept. asked that future EMS contract payments be made to Carthage Volunteer Fire Department of Rush County Inc.; The Auditor will have this changed.

It was also noted that EMS territory maps are to be attached to the contracts. They are mentioned in the contract and have not been attached in past years. The auditor will research this as it seems they had been created in the GIS department.

Becky Puckett of Anderson Twp. Fire Department did have a few questions and concerns for the commissioners.

- Questions on run report that is filed to RMH for audit review
- Why provide a letter if going to another hospital. Take the patient to where they request
- RMH has made changes without notification – all parties should be involved
- Not prepared to sign – In principal are ready
- Question on Advance Protocols and if they are ready and any changes

County Councilmen Warren Norris and Bruce Levi were in attendance of the meeting. Both men encouraged all departments to resolve any and all issues and to move forward.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-two (42) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Sherwood projected that the jail would be shut down one day for the installation of the generator.

Sherwood reported that one of the new department vehicles have arrived.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, had nothing to report.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the certification of five (5) Covered Bridges for Rush County. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims for the period ending January 20, 2012 on a motion by Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bi-Weekly claims submitted by January 10, 2012 were approved on a motion by Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams reported that she had met with Bituminous Insurance Co. January 9, 2012 concerning a worker's compensation payroll audit for county employees.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the surety bond on Health Coordinator Teresa Nigh. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the surety bond on Deputy Clerk Rachel Webster. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the signing of the “Notice of Appointment” of Veteran Service Officer Steven Land. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tom Barnes reported that the county will be required to make an appointment to the draft board.

Adams questioned the commissioners if they desired to do a Commissioners Certificate Sale for the eleven (11) parcels of property that did not sell during the 2011 October Tax Sale. After further discussion the commissioners decided to wait until after the fall Treasurer’s Tax Sale to give final decision to having a Commissioner Tax Sale.

RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve and sign the Rush Memorial ambulance contract. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE

Tom Barnes reported on Wellman Brothers and repairs of the courthouse roof. The west window of the west room of the Clerk’s office is leaking water.

PETITION

Tom Barnes read a petition received from John Saxon. The petition addressed their proposed changes the zoning ordinance for chicken, fowl, rabbits and other small animals (with the exception of cats and dogs) on privately owned property regardless of size.

Saxon stated that the petition contained over 100 signatures and signatures are still being collected. A copy of the petition is also provided to the Area Plan Commission.

AREA PLAN

John Saxon had several questions concerning the requirements and the process of changing the zoning ordinances.

ADA COMPLIANCE

It was reported that Gerald Mohr is the council representative to the ADA Compliance Committee. The committee will now move forward to write the plan.

MISC.

- Review EMS run reports received from: Anderson Twp Vol. Fire; Carthage Fire; Rush Memorial Ambulance
- Treasurer’s monthly report reviewed.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

/s/Tom Barnes

Tom Barnes, Chairman

/s/Marvin Cole

Marvin Cole

/s/Ken Masters

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor